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TITLE: WELDING TORCH WITH A DRIVE UNIT AND A WIRE BUFFER  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RCE**

MAIL STOP RCE  
Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

In advance of continued examination and in response to the  
Office Action dated December 15, 2008, please amend the above-  
identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.